Dear Dave, 4/7/78

Thanks for your nice letter of the 2d. It did not come until yesterday, when I was in Washington.

Also when you can please thank the Chancellor for his good wishes. If he is sitting down also please tell him that in addition to the 60,000 pages of the FBI's second JFK release to figure on space for the first 40,000 pages, which are due here next week, and about as many pages of the Dallas and New Orleans field office files. They have capitulated on this. We did file suits. We had a meeting on this yesterday, after having won the battle for fee remissions in the King case, too. A crew from Washington is going to Dallas soon to get things started. Because there will also be an inventory it will be about a month before those files are in Washington and processing begins.

I'm tired and perhaps unclear. About as many means another 100,000 pages.

We have what we regard as a significant victory from the court of appeals in the transcripts case. Those pages if I've not sent them are in a coming 3cl. mailing.

They have also capitulated on the worksheets covering the 12/7/77 and 1/16/78 releases. They are "cleansing" them so I do not know if we will have to litigate. A strange thing happened on this just yesterday. We learned only an hour before we were due in court on it. The judge, Oberdorfer, recused himself. Not until then is the strange part. This followed a Department letter asking for the consolidation of the Dallas and New Orleans cases. (We had this judge in two cases, not N.O.) He got the letter, which really asked that the other judge reassing his N.O. case to Oberdorfer, and he recused himself.

All we could learn is that Oberdorfer had been in the DJ tax division at about the time of the JFK assassination. When I suggested that Ruby's tax returns were available and Oswald's were not it blew minds! There appears to be the belief that he misunderstood what DJ was up to, interpreting it as that he would be biased in its favor. We do not think so. But what a coincidence! and if there was reason to recuse himself why did he await the last minute?

I have not heard from Les. Nor can I reach Jim White. He is driving.

Modesty is becoming in your Chancellor. While in many regards my memory is failing I have a fairly clear recollection of that meeting and it is that his was a correct analysis on Teng and the Chinese changes, not just a wild guess.

There were three Epstein pieces in the London Times. I do not have them. Re your review andother interests.

Again thanks and best to you all. To the stampers, please say that there is no box so big that it has no bottom - and that getting to the bottom can be much more fun if it is not rushed.

Regards,